

MALAYA - FEDERATED MALAY STATES Postage Due Stamps

It is uncertain whether the postage due stamp design for the Federated Malay States was designed by employees of De La Rue or of Waterlow & Sons of London. The photographic essay below on card of 13th May 1920 (marked *Dupl.*) was lot 1367 in the DLR archive sale of 23 November 1976 which suggests that it was by De La Rue.



Ex De La Rue (1976) and Reeve (2008)

Irrespective of who the designer was, the basic design, the Printer (Waterlow & Sons), and the printing method (Typography) was all used for the postage due stamps listed of the territories listed below prior to second world war.

Federated Malay States 1924 set



Kenya and Uganda 1928 set



Mauritius 1933 set



Malayan Postal Union 1936 set



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The first postage due stamps of the Federated Malay States were printed in mid 1924 and made available for use as from 1st December 1924 in the same denominations as the Straits Settlements postage due stamps of 1 cent, 2 cents, 8 cents, 10 cents and 12 cents issued earlier in the same year. The first two denominations were mainly meant as make up values although the 2 cents could be used for double the deficiency of one cent on local letters. The 8 cents value was initially the UPU equal of the 30 centimes minimum charge for international underpaid mail under the Madrid UPU treaty of 1920. The 10 cents value was the Empire unpaid rate while the 12 cents value was the highest value for part use on unpaid or underpaid foreign items.

The Crown Agents requisition of May 1924 was for numbers initially varied between 300 sheets (which is 30,000 stamps) and 6,000 sheets (which is 600,000 stamps). All the printings of the stamps were in sheets of 100 stamps (two panes of 50 with an interpaneau separation) with narrow jubilee lines all around and without plate numbers.

The 4 cents value was only introduced in early 1926 following the reduction in the minimum charge for foreign items from 8 cents to 4 cents (or 10 centimes in UPU terms) from October 1925 under the Stockholm UPU treaty of 1924.



Early printings had the watermark pointing left, later printings including all those of the 4 cents had the watermark pointing right and examples of both watermarks are shown above.

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1 Cent Postage Due Stamp

Issued - 1 December 1924 Replaced – after April 1938

Watermark *Multiple Script CA sideways pointing left.* P14

In 1926 the watermark was changed to *CA pointing right*

Sheets of 100



Printings - sheets of 100

6/1924 - 309 sheets

5/1925 - 130 sheets

2/1926 - 105 sheets

7/1926 - 1,038 sheets

5/1933 - 250 sheets



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2 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - 1 December 1924 Off Sale – after June 1936
Watermark *Multiple Script CA sideways pointing left.* P14
In 1926 the watermark was changed to *CA pointing right*

Sheets of 100



Printing - sheets of 100

6/1924 - 3,157 sheets
7/1926 - 4,110 sheets
3/1927 - 2,023 sheets
12/1927 - 4,044 sheets
3/1929 - 3,007 sheets
6/1930 - 950 sheets
3/1931 - 1,027 sheets



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4 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - March 1926 Replaced – June 1936

Watermark Multiple Script CA sideways pointing right. P14

Sheets of 100



Printings - sheets of 100

2/1926 - 1,203 sheets

7/1926 - 5,250 sheets

12/1927 - 5,250 sheets

3/1929 - 3,150 sheets

6/1930 - 3,956 sheets

7/1932 - 2,100 sheets



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8 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - 1 December 1924 Replaced – after June 1936

Watermark *Multiple Script CA sideways pointing left.* P14

In 1926 the watermark was changed to *CA pointing right*

Sheets of 100



Printings - sheets of 100

6/1924 - 2,999 sheets

5/1925 - 2,000 sheets

3/1927 - 2,000 sheets

6/1930 - 2,039 sheets

7/1932 - 1,906 sheets

5/1933 - 510 sheets

4/1934 - 475 sheets

7/1934 - 1,000 sheets

11/1934 - 250 sheets



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10 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - 1 December 1924 Replaced – June 1936

Watermark *Multiple Script CA sideways pointing left.* P14
In 1926 the watermark was changed to *CA pointing right*
Sheets of 100



Printings - sheets of 100
6/1924 - 6,113 sheets
5/1925 - 1,400 sheets
4/1934 - 483 sheets
7/1934 - 1,421 sheets



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12 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - 1 December 1924 Replaced – September 1936

Watermark Multiple Script CA sideways pointing left. P14

In 1926 the watermark was changed to CA pointing right

Sheets of 100



Printings - sheets of 100
6/1924 - 395 sheets
5/1925 - 350 sheets
12/1925 - 2,589 sheets
2/1926 - 2,086 sheets
3/1927 - 3,000 sheets
3/1928 - 4,145 sheets
3/1929 - 2,049 sheets
6/1930 - 2,944 sheets
11/1934 - 262 sheets

